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October 12, 1977

Mr. T. R. Beck General Manager The Anaconda Company P. O. Box 638 Grants, New Mexico 87020

Dear Mr. Beck:

September 29, 1977, Steven Argyle and I inspected your company's P-10 and P-15/17 exploration drilling operations at the Jackpile-Paguate Minesite. Our findings are described in the enclosed copy of our inspection report.

In our report, please note the instructions that were given to Mr. Forhan in regard to the use of mud pits and the plugging of the drill holes. These measures should be implemented immediately. I have also enclosed copies of the USGS and New Mexico State Engineer borehole plugging requirements. These should apply to all of the holes drilled on your Laguna leases except for any holes that are drilled in areas that definitely will be open-pit mined.

I want to thank you and your staff for your time and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SGD.) DALE C. JONES
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Mining Engineer

Enclosures

cc:

Rudy Forhan or Ernie Wylie, Chief Geologist, The Anaconda Company Superintendent, Southern Pueblos Agency, BIA Governor, Pueblo of Laguna Files /

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